Council on Postsecondary Education July 30, 2001

Initial Program Productivity Reports KCTCS and Lexington Community College

Action: The staff recommends that the council accept the initial productivity reports of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Lexington Community College.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Lexington Community College have completed the first phase of their review of degree programs producing few graduates. LCC will retain two low-productivity programs and will complete its review of a third next year. The KCTCS will close five programs, alter 18, retain five, and complete the review of one program next year.

This review process began in fall 2000 (alternating with reviews on university campuses beginning in odd-numbered years). For the KCTCS and LCC, the council staff identified 22 percent of the total associate programs offered (32 out of 146) as low-productivity programs (defined as granting less than an average of 12 degrees per year). The attached chart gives details by community college. The technical colleges were excluded from the review because none have had degree programs in operation for more than four years.

The remainder of the community college program review process will parallel that for the universities, with follow-up reports on program changes due at the end of the 2001-02 academic year and a review of program approval processes in 2002-03.

The academic program productivity review process is described in the November 8, 1999, July 17, 2000, and February 5, 2001, agenda items.

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Community College Program Productivity Review Report July 2001

Low-Productivity Program Decisions Low-**Total Number Programs Continuing Programs Community College Program Closures Programs Altered Programs Retained Productivity** of Programs* Reviewed **Under Review Programs KCTCS Community Colleges** Ashland 7 3 0 Elizabethtown 9 6 1 1 100% Hazard 2 100% 11 5 2 Henderson 10 5 2 2 100% Hopkinsville 9 4 100% Jefferson 22 5 20% 20% 16 1 3 60% 1 Madisonville 2 13 9 6 33% 3 50% 17% Maysville 8 5 1 1 100% Owensboro 12 7 3 33% 33% 33% 1 1 Paducah 8 5 1 1 100% 3 0 Prestonsburg 7 2 Somerset 6 5 2 100% Southeast 10 2 50% 50% 6 1 1 5 17% Total KCTCS 132 82 29 17% 18 62% 5 1 3% Lexington Community College 14 12 3 2 67% 33% 32 22% 146 94 5 16% 18 56% 7 2 6% Total KCTCS & LCC

^{*} Includes new programs not subject to productivity review.